



### Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson – <b>present</b>	Jerry Foxhoven - <b>present</b>
Phyllis Hansell – <b>present</b>	Sandy Knudsen - <b>present</b>
Alexa Heffernan – <b>present</b>	Mikki Stier - <b>present</b>
Kimberly Kudej – <b>present</b>	Nancy Freudenberg - <b>present</b>
Kim Spading – <b>present via phone</b>	Matt Highland - <b>present</b>
Sam Wallace – <b>present via phone</b>	Liz Matney - <b>present</b>
	Kevin Kirkpatrick - <b>present</b>

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – <b>absent</b>
Representative Lisa Heddens – <b>absent</b>
Senator Amanda Ragan – <b>absent</b>
Senator Mark Segebart – <b>present</b>

#### Guests

Kris Bell, Senate Democrat Caucus  
Kelsey Thien, House Democrat Caucus  
Jodi Tomlonovic, Family Planning Council of Iowa  
Tony Leys, Des Moines Register  
John Hedgecoth, Amerigroup  
Flora A. Schmidt, Iowa Behavioral Health Association

#### Call to Order

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building.

#### Roll Call

All Council members were present.  
All ex-officio legislative members were absent with the exception of Senator Segebart.

Council paid tribute to Phyllis Hansell who is leaving the Council. Appreciation letters from Governor Reynolds and from Chair Anderson and Director Foxhoven were read. Hansell was thanked for her many years of exemplary service on the Council.

## Rules

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rules:

**R-1.** Amendments to Chapter 77, Medicaid. These amendments reflect a recent change to the Code of Iowa entitling behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts who are licensed, pursuant to chapter 154D, to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance. These amendments also entitle provisionally licensed psychologists, temporarily licensed marital and family therapists and temporarily licensed mental health counselors who are licensed, pursuant to chapter 154D.7, to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**R-2.** Amendments to Chapter 201, Adoption Subsidy. These amendments revise Adoption Subsidy administrative rules by updating outdated language, clarifying eligibility criteria for special needs children, clarifying allowable expenses under special services and adds a provision to suspend adoption subsidy under defined circumstances. These amendments also formalize the ability of the Department to assess and suspend a family's use of adoption subsidy funds if concerns are brought forward that the child is not being supported. Payments would be suspended during the Department's review and reinstated if the family is found to be supporting their child or the family agrees to and provides documentation that they are providing appropriate support. These amendments would allow the Department to terminate the subsidy agreement if the family is not supporting their adoptive child and will not agree to provide and document support for the adoptive child.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Kudej. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**R-3.** Amendments to Chapter 204, Subsidized Guardianship. The administrative rules for subsidized guardianship are being revised to implement the program under the guidelines of the federal Fostering Connections to Success Act. The previous program was administered through a federal waiver which has been eliminated.

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Wallace. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The following amendments to rules are presented as **Notices of Intended Action** for review by the Council.

**N-1.** Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. These amendments reinstate three-month retroactive Medicaid coverage to a Medicaid applicant who is otherwise Medicaid-eligible and is a resident of a nursing facility licensed under chapter 135C.

**N-2.** Amendments to Chapter 83, Medicaid. These amendments will change the eligibility criteria for Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Health & Disability (H&D) waiver participation. These amendments revise the language regarding increasing waiver budgets by putting specific guidelines in place for the process and cost limitations.

A motion was made by Kudej and seconded by Spading to approve the noticed rules. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **Oversight of Managed Care**

Liz Matney, Bureau Chief, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) provided the following update:

- The Department is on target in meeting project goals set by SF2418 in regard to key workgroups related to 'Health Home Evaluations' and 'Tiered Rates (for the Intellectual Disabilities Population).'
- The Department has also been engaged in the 'Process Improvement Workgroups' and have convened for eight meetings. Those meetings covered topics such as: benefits & eligibility, prior authorization, credentialing and data. A number of new work flows and reference guides will be posted to the 'Process Improvement' website. The Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have created 'escalation pathways' for provider advocates and case managers and posted them to the website, to assist with problem resolutions.
- The Department has a signed contract with the new Managed Care Organization 'Iowa Total Care' which will begin July 1, 2019. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has daily contact with Iowa Total Care and the new MCO is busy building relationships and engaging with stakeholder groups.
- The Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Iowa's plan/methodology for distributing members to all three MCO's once Iowa Total Care comes on board. The primary goal of any type of redistribution of members is to minimize the disruption as much as possible. The Department has identified certain individual groups that will be carved out of the redistribution because of their relationships with the MCO or their provider network. The remaining members will be notified around March 2019 regarding redistribution to one of the three MCOs. All members will still have a choice as to which MCO to align with.

### **Approval of Annual Executive Summary (Regarding Managed Care Deliberations)**

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Heffernan to approve the Annual Executive Summary. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Hansell to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Council Update**

Heffernan requested that the Department share with the Council their 'legislative wish list' as soon as completed.

Kudej would like to discuss the report regarding the percentage of women not receiving birth control due to recent family planning legislation at the next Council meeting.

Heffernan and Anderson thanked Director Foxhoven for traveling to their areas to speak to groups concerning issues related to DHS.

Anderson inquired about the possibility of the Council having a face-to-face meeting with the

Governor in the future.

### **Director's Report**

- Jerry Foxhoven, Director, introduced Matt Highland, DHS Public Information Officer, to review the Department's rebranding efforts. Highland distributed a handout displaying the new Department logo and discussed the updates being made to the DHS digital platforms.
- In response to Kudej's inquiry, Foxhoven reported that two institutional employees are recovering from their on-the-job injuries and he noted that the Department is continually reviewing safety concerns at the institutions.
- The Children's Mental Health System work group report entitled "Children's System State Board Strategic Plan" has been completed and will be submitted on November 15, 2018 to the Governor and General Assembly per Governor Reynold's Executive Order during last year's legislative session.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is December 12, 2018.

### **Adjournment**

Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary

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